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seen that wire tramways were in reality the most valuable means of transport. The individual loads carried and the length of spans have now reached limits which a few years ago would have been looked upon as impossible. For instance, a line lately carried out by Messrs. BUNYAT & Co., in July, carries loads of 10 "cwt. and has a span of the enormous length of 1,100 yards, or close upon a mile. The difference between the running rope and the fixed rope systems should perhaps be explained. Where only one rope is used it is called the running rope system. If two ropes of greater thickness be fixed, one on each side of the running rope or line, and the hangers which carry the loads are arranged to run on these, less power is required to move the system and the carrying capacity of the line is greatly increased, the fixed ropes acting pretty much the same as rails. Mr. SHAW recommends wire tramways for the hill stations in India and also for transport services on the frontier; and the next generation will not doubt find the system in extensive use, not only in India, but also in Hongkong, enabling a person to move from point to point on the hills as easily as the Londoner makes his way in all directions by bus.

In his report for last year the Registrar-General refers to some of the civil consequences which have followed the abolition of the registration of "brothels." The increase in the number of what are called "sly brothels" is, as the Registrar-General says, "very prejudicial to family life among the poorer classes and has been viewed with great disapprobation by the Chinese."

In September last the number was estimated by the police to be 124, but if information which has reached us privately is to be relied on, the number has since then increased very largely, being estimated now at over a thousand. This may be an exaggeration, but whatever the precise number there is no doubt the respectable Chinese of the poorer class have a substantial grievance in the results of the "free trade in vice" which has been forced upon the colony by the home Government. The vast majority of the poorer classes of the colony live in tenement houses, and the "sly brothels" are also located in houses of this description, in which they occupy one floor or even only half a floor. It is complained that visitors to the brothels frequently mistake the floor or apartment and go to the doors of respectable tenants in the same house, disturbing them late at night and causing annoyance. It is urged also that the brothels tend to make houses rent dear, because they can afford to pay more than other people and are willing to do so, thus raising the rate all round.

It is alleged, too, that they afford a refuge to criminals and are more prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order than gambling houses. Why all this should be allowed the Chinese do not understand, being quite unable to appreciate the arguments of Exeter Hall. They ask that each brothel should be compelled to put up a conspicuous sign, so that persons in search of them may be able to find them without disturbing the respectable neighbours, or, better still, that they should all be confined to a particular district. No steps in this direction can be taken, however, without the reintroduction of the registration system. We believe the Government at present in power is inclined to review the policy adopted of late years of entirely abolishing control over houses of ill-fame, and if that be so, the time would be opportune for the Governor once more to urge the evil that has resulted to this colony both from the abolition of the Contagious Diseases Act and from the freedom from control now enjoyed by those engaged in the nefarious brothel traffic.

The N. P. steamer *Thames* left Victoria for this port on the 20th ult., via ports of call.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s new steamer *Patience*, a sister ship to the *Pomona*, arrived yesterday.

The J. O. steamer *Doria*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 21st ultimo.

The N. D. L. steamer *Sachsen*, Capt. H. Springer, from Hongkong 20th ult., arrived at Shanghai on Sunday morning.

The Portuguese gunboat *Din*, Commander Xavier de Brito, arrived at Singapore on the 27th July from Colombo on her way to Macao.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 20th ultimo.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 11th ultimo, via Honolulu, left Nagasaki for this port on the 23rd instant.

A report has reached this *Chi Nan Pao* from Peking that a certain official has advised the Government to permit Sir Robert Hart as to the levy of a tax upon Manchu lottery tickets sold in the Chinese Empire.

Representations having been made to the Tungshing Yamen, by the Consul of Chungking, urging that a proper Canton-house be built for the port, it has been decided to proceed with the work soon.

Nia Makau, one of the principal Chinese chieftains, who after submitting to the British Government in accordance with the late Convention of the Manchu Observance, was captured by the Dutch troops on the 21st July and was shot for treason.—*Strait Times*.

Two more lots of land north of Macdonnell Road are intended for sale. We believe all the land for some distance between Kennedy Road and Macdonnell Road at the western end has now been applied for, and building in this locality on an extensive scale will soon be in progress.

We are now informed that the new Chinese Telegraph Company in succession to the late Sir John Jackson is the Marquis of Wootton, and not Admiral Sir Leopold Heath as previously advised. The latter gentleman probably being a close friend of the Marquis of Wootton.

We have been favoured by the Spanish Consul with a copy of the following telegram received from the Manila Observatory:—Manila, 2nd August, 5.30 p.m. The storm is now the N.W. of Manila in the China Sea. It seems to be receding to the N.W. At 4.40 p.m. yesterday the Hongkong Observatory notified as follows:—The typhoon is probably moving towards the N.W. Gale not expected in Hongkong. The black smoke was flying over the port, it has been decided to proceed with the work soon.

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The Singapore Free Press of the 27th July has the following reference to the late Mr. H. M. Kerr:—We regret to learn that a telegram was received from Hongkong on Saturday by the agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Singapore announcing the death of Mr. H. M. Kerr, a well-known and popular member of the Bank staff.

Mr. H. M. Kerr was a son of the late Major James Kerr, Army Pay Department, Singapore, who died twenty-eight and nine years ago immediately after his return from Singapore to England. He joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank about 1882, and came out to join the Bank staff in February, 1885. At the time of his death he was fifth on the seniority list of the Bank.

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